THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE UEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA); (a) and (b) Production of wheat during 1984-85 at ***44.1%*** million tonnes is about 22 per cent higher tfcan the production level of 36.31 million tonnes during 1980-81, fie beginning year of Sixth Five Year Plan. During the same period, production of sugarcane, pulses and oilseeds have also increased by about 13, 15 and 40 per cent respectively.

(c) Steps taken to further increase the production of the above crop$_s$ include;—

1. maximisation of productivity in irrigated areas;

2. increase i$_n$ area under high yielding varieties;

3. timely and adequate supply of critical inputs including seeds, fertilisers, technology, plant protection measure:,, implements etc

4. increasing the intensity for cropping double|multiple cropping and inter-cropping for pulses;

5. intensification of research and extension efforts;

6.bringing additional area under duration varieties of moong, urad etc. and adoption of rnizobial culture;

7. launching of a Centrally sponsored National Oilseeds Development project in 1984-85, reorienting and integrating various oilseeds development scheme?, envisaging development of location specific traditional and non-traditional oilseeds; and

S. adoption of appropriate pricing M»d procurement policie$_s$ and adequate risk cover through crop insurant tor major $^c$rop$_s$

**Aerial spraying to combat pyrtBa**

2611. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANI-ER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE he pleased to state:

la) whether Government propose to arrange for the aerial spray of pesticides in pyrilla affected anas of the country; a»d

(b) if so what arc the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATB IN TH» DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURB AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. the pyrilla pest is under control in all tie crops. Hence there i$ no need for spraying.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial as'istamce to water Supply i&hcmes under the Centrally Sponsored Programme

2612. SHRI J. K. JAIN; Will the Mnis-ter of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are villages having more than 20,000 population in Southern States of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that water supply schemes for these villages are financed by the Central Government under the Centrally sponsored programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the villages having more than 5,000 population **are** notified as urban areas in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether these villages have beea given financial assistance for water snpphy schemes under the Centrally sponsored programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Water supply is a Stat© subject. The Central Government, however, assists the States in providing safe drinking water in the rural areas under the Accelerate* Rural Water Supply Programme **(ARP).**

(.c> Habitats which arc notified as urbaa areas are outside the rural area.

(d) Central assistance under ARP is restricted to the provision of drinking water in. rural areas only and what has been declared by the State Government to bo a,« area other than a rural area, cannot be covered under the Accidented Rural Water Supply Programme,